



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

May 12, 2010

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

I'd like to start with a huge thank you to Laura Krotky for masterminding such an amazing Math and Science Mania last week. Who knew so many brilliant scientists and mathematicians were lurking in our community? Laura and her committee did a fantastic job of searching them out and organizing a great night. Thank you, too, to all of the presenters and volunteers who gave their time and energy during such a busy time of the year. Please come to the May LSPA meeting, which is happening tomorrow morning at 8:30am in the library. Not only will there be the usual engaging conversation and endless supply of coffee, but we have a member of the Winchester School Committee and our very own superintendent Bill McAlduff coming to discuss the state of education in Winchester. If that weren't enough, imagine your delight to find out we are also presenting the proposed budget for next year. This is a very important meeting to voice your opinion on how your donations are spent. The final budget will then be voted on at the June meeting. We encourage you to attend this important meeting. Our best, Bridget Stump and Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 13th 8:30am LSPA meeting (2010-2011 budget presented)

Saturday, May 22nd 9am-12pm Lincoln Spring Cleanup

Thursday, May 27th 10am May Day Celebration

Thursday, June 3rd Field Day

FIELD DAY

IT IS TIME TO START PLANNING--Field Day is almost here! Lincoln School Field Day is set for **Thursday, June 3rd** (rain date **Thursday, June 10th**) Yeah! We will need **MANY** Volunteers to help that day. No experience is necessary, just the desire to help make this a GREAT event for the Lincoln School students! Get a friend, sign up together, and have a fantastic day! We need your help with:

- Setting up early on the morning of the event (6:30-8:30)

- Running an event/game in the morning (Manchester Field 8:45-11:00)
- Running an event/game in the afternoon (Manchester Field 12:00-2:00)
- Helping in the lunchroom (10:30-1:30)

Contact Andrea Cogan at acogan@winchester.k12.ma.us if you want to help with set up or games. Contact Emily Ehl at e.ehl@verizon.net if you would like to help with lunch room or other field day duties. Thank you all so much--without you we could not have such a smooth day!



JUST 5 BOX TOPS PER STUDENT = OUR \$1,500 GOAL!

A mere 5 Box Tops brought in by each Lincoln student by May 28th will help us reach our \$1,500 goal! It's likely you have 5 Box Tops in your pantry right now. Participating products include family staples such as General Mills cereals, Old El Paso salsa and taco shells, Nature Valley granola bars, Pillsbury products, Pop Secret popcorn, Ziploc Brand bags and Kleenex...just to name a few. Please tear off the Box Tops and send them into the classroom by the end of May to help us reach our school's \$1,500 goal! Thank you!

Lead Box Top collectors as of May 1st, 2010:

1st Place M. Haugh 5th Grade: 1461
2nd Place M. Bowman 2nd grade: 1285
3rd Place M. Barford 4th grade: 1195
4th Place C. Flaherty 1st grade: 1055
5th Place M. Hollis-Pfeifer 3rd grade: 1009

ATTENTION 5th GRADE PARENTS FROM MCCALL PARENTS ASSOC.

More information about next year will be coming out during May and June. "Moving Up Day," when your children will find out what team they will be on in September, will be June 7th. We encourage you to visit the parents' association website ---www.mccallpa.org

--- to learn more about what we do, and to sign up for our newsletters and email updates. The school website --- www.winchester.k12.ma.us --- has useful information about the curriculum, staff, library, after-school extracurricular activities, etc. The Parent to Parent website --- parenttoparentwinchester.org --- is also a great resource. The McCall Program of Studies booklet is now posted online at the school website (left side of screen). Please do not hesitate to contact us at president@mccallpa.org if you have any questions. We are excited that you all will be joining the McCall Middle School community next year! - Paula, Anne Marie & Susan

EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

BrainPOP Home Access Information:

What is BrainPOP? BrainPOP creates animated, curriculum-based content that engages students, supports educators, and bolsters achievement. The award-winning online educational resources include Brain POP Jr. (K-3) and BrainPOP. BrainPOP comes from a WFEE Grant written by the Elementary Instructional Technology Specialists. Below is the information for students to be able to access Brainpop for home use: <http://www.brainpop.com/>
Username: winchesterma
Password: brainpop

COMMUNITY NEWS

PAC SUPPORT MEETING

The PAC Support Group for LBLD/Dyslexia invites you to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, May 18, in the McCall **Library at 7:00 pm**. At this meeting, Donna Marcotte-Rizza, a part time Assistive Technology Specialist for the Winchester School District, will be joining us to discuss and demonstrate various types of Assistive Technology we have available in our schools, as well as other types of software, tools, etc. that can help our children learn. We hope to see you at the meeting. Amy Kraft akpk1282@verizon.net and Kim Lazarus kimberly.lazarus@verizon.net

SUMMER ENRICHMENT

Winchester teachers submitted course proposals in subject areas they are passionate about! Their ideas are creative and inspiring. We hope that many children will share their interest and sign up this summer! Course descriptions can be found on-line at <http://www.winchester.k12.ma.us/> For more information contact Nancy Clark at nclark@winchester.k12.ma.us or 781-721-7001.

FANSPLASH UPDATE

We are thrilled to announce that the Borggaard Beach Splash Park will be built this summer! The scope of the park to be installed this summer will be determined by the amount of money raised by May 15th. Enough funds have been raised to date to implement a simplistic splash pad. We are now raising funds to go solely toward the above ground elements that would make this park complete. **We only a few days to reach our financial goal!** Will you & your children be joining us at the splash park this summer that will utilize town drinking water, is geared toward children aged 0-14, and that has the potential to be open from May to October? Do you have, or know of, a child with a disability that would benefit from having access to our region's only accessible outdoor water based recreation? Will you appreciate having a vibrant multi-generational community gathering place to relax and meet old friends and make new ones? Can you imagine how all Winchester residents stand to benefit from the potential generation of thousands of dollars in new revenue from the splash park? If you said yes to any of the above, or see the value that this project has for our town this year, then we **NEED** your help **TODAY!** The implementation of the full Splash Park, as envisioned, is within our reach if we can rally our community members, friends, and generous donors to donate to the project in this week! To implement the splash park as envisioned, we still need to raise an additional: **\$40,000. How can we meet our Goal?** If every person reading this note donates \$100 today we will reach our goal! Of course, donations in any and all denominations would be appreciated! We are proud to say that less than 4% of the money raised to date has gone toward FANSplash fundraising, publicity and administrative costs. All future donations will go directly towards the installation of the Splash Park. If you have already contributed to this effort with either your time or financial support, thank you for your generosity. Visit www.FANSplash.org to make a contribution in **any** amount, or send a check, payable to Family Action Network,

to FAN-Splash, PO Box 805, Winchester, MA 01890. All donations are tax deductible. For more information, visit <http://www.fansplash.org/>

STAR WARS MOVIE BENEFIT

In a galaxy far, far away (well maybe not that far), there was a town that needed a new playground for its children. Luke and Obi Wan are coming to the rescue, but they can't do it without your help. Support the restoration of Winchester's GINN Playground, and let your kids experience the awe and wonder of the original *Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope* on the big screen. The star-studded event will be take place at the Studio Cinema in Belmont, 376 Trapelo Road, Belmont (10-minute drive) on Friday, May 21st at 3:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 per person. Seating is limited. You can buy your tickets online at <http://www.beGINNagain.com/> or at the door. May the playground forces be with you!

GRIFFIN MUSEUM SUMMER CAMP

April 30, 2010 (Winchester, MA) For the 2nd year, the Griffin Museum of Photography will offer a two-week day-camp program for middle school students (grades 5-9) and a one-week day-camp program for elementary school students (grades 1-4). Each week will have a specific focus led by a certified visual arts instructor, Catherine Nasser. The first week is *Collage Assemblage* for grades 5-9 (July 5-9); the second is *Photo Arts* for Grades 5 -9 (July 12-16); and the third is *Elementary Creative Arts and Photography* for Grades 1 - 4 (July 19-23). We know your child will enjoy our offerings that utilize the photograph and other visual arts media for a fun and collaborative educational experience. Each class is structured to build visual literacy skills as well as develop critical thinking skills through artmaking. Although the classes do not require a camera, students are welcome to bring cameras to use in their projects. No photography experience is needed. **An exhibition of all student artwork will go on display at the museum after the completion of all workshops.** Class size limited to 15. See the website for details. www.griffinmuseum.org. Students may take more than one class. Students in grades 5-9 who register for the two classes will receive a \$50 discount off of their total price. The *Collage/Assemblage* and *Photo Arts* classes will run from 9 AM to 3 PM on Monday through Friday

with a half-hour supervised lunch. Students should bring a packed lunch to class every day. The *Elementary* class will run from 9 AM to Noon. For more information, call 781-729-1158, or visit www.griffinmuseum.org.

SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP

The Black and Big Blue Youth Football Camp will be held in Winchester from June 21-24, 2010. This is an excellent opportunity for your son to participate in a fun, non-contact, instructional football camp with exceptional instructors. The camp will be conveniently held at the McCall Middle School field. I encourage every Winchester Pop Warner player to take advantage of this camp and especially those players who are new to football or those who will miss time in August due to vacations, etc. Each camper will be given the opportunity to learn and improve offensive, defensive and special teams skills. The instructors for this camp are primarily from Paul Manganaro's Sachem Youth Football Club staff and from the Varsity staff at Phillips Andover Academy. Winchester Pop Warner coaches will also be on the camps coaching staff. The cost of the camp is \$99 and registration deadline is May 21st. To maintain a low camper to coach ratio, enrollment will be limited. Each camper will receive a Black and Big Blue Camp t-shirt, and a guest NFL player will address the kids on the final night of the camp. This will be a great camp--please make every effort to have your son participate. More information and registration forms can be found at: <http://www.sachemyouth.org/>

WFEE NEWS: The Prom 'n Aid

Tickets are going fast for the WFEE Prom 'n Aid. Stop by Book Ends or go to www.wfee.org to make sure you'll be under our virtual tent at Town Hall, May 22nd. Bistro Five of Medford is providing the perfect garden party dinner and SIX promises to rock the house in support of Winchester's public schools. Among the live auction items: an electric truck, a behind the scenes tour of Logan Airport, plus a chance to have your own house band at a summer party. Tickets can be purchased at www.wfee.org or at Book Ends, \$350 a couple, \$175 if you are coming stag. Proceeds support all Winchester schools. Plan your party attire now; special Prom guests include some faces from your past. For more information on WFEE and updates on events or our grants, visit our website, www.wfee.org. The WFEE Grants Committee is currently reviewing proposals for the 2010-2011 school year. Grants will

be awarded in May. Check the website to see what grants will benefit your school. All grants are funded through donations to WFEE. To make an on-line donation, go to www.wfee.org or you can mail a check to WFEE, P.O. Box 1005, Winchester, MA. WFEE contributions are tax deductible and eligible for employer matching gift programs.

EN KA SOCIETY NEWS

The En Ka Society, Winchester's oldest women's service organization, seeks donations of lightly-used children's and adult books to support the book sale tent at the Society's annual Street Fair, scheduled for May 14 and 15. This year's Fair is titled *Hats Off to You!* Beginning April 1st, books can be left anytime on the wooden collection pallets at the Sanborn House's Carriage House, adjacent to the Ambrose School at 27 High Street in Winchester. Look for signs saying "Book Drop Here." Books should be placed in small, easy-to-handle boxes. Please wrap boxes in plastic to protect the books from the elements. En Ka is

particularly in need of gently read paperback fiction, mysteries, and children's books. Videos, DVDs, audiotapes and CDs in good condition are also appreciated. No text books, encyclopedias, magazines or condensed books please. All proceeds from the book sale will support En Ka's annual grants to dozens of Winchester's charitable and civic organizations. Books that remain unsold at the end of the Fair will be donated to a variety of charities. Questions: email enkabooks@yahoo.com.

THE EN KA FAIR IS COMING!

The theme this year is "Hats off to You:" May 14 and 15, 2010! En Ka Parade: May 15, 2010. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EN KA FAIR:** Volunteers who are over 18 years of age are needed for the upcoming En Ka Fair being held Friday and Saturday, May 14 and 15. Those interested in taking tickets for a ride or helping with a game for a two-hour shift, please Contact Karen Knouse at 721-2829. **En Ka Day at**

Mahoney's Rocky Ledge to Be Held Wednesday, May 12th: The En Ka annual fundraiser will be held from 10 am - 5 pm on Wednesday, May 12th, at Mahoney's Rocky Ledge Garden Center. Buy flowers, plants, tools, gift certificates, and more. For the 28th consecutive year, Mahoney's will donate a percentage of that day's sales to the En Ka Society to help fund grants for Winchester's charitable and civic organizations. Please pay at the Main Greenhouse.

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